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## Man has surgery after being shot

**POLICE** A 35-year-old man was undergoing surgery yesterday after being shot twice during the early morning hours in East Preston, police said.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said officers and paramedics responded to the call at about 1:50 a.m. on Upper Partridge River Road. An ambulance rushed the victim to Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax where he was being treated for what were believed to be non-life threatening injuries, he said.

"We don't believe it was a random act," Taplin said, adding the shooting took place inside a garage. "What we're investigating is two individuals started arguing and one of the individuals ended up getting shot."

He said police were still interviewing witnesses late yesterday morning but did have a possible suspect in mind.

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Sunny Side

It's not all bad out there

Metro launches The SunnySide of Halifax today, which will help you find the good news around Halifax and Canada.

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Peter Kelly, mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, is photographed with Cpl. Thomas Dalton, left, and Cpl. Michael Fox from the 78th Highlanders regiment at the Halifax Citadel yesterday.

# All about the people

Mayor Kelly says Halifax is made great by its residents

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**It's a cliché answer, one you'd expect a mayor to say when asked what they think the greatest thing about their city is.**

Yet for Peter Kelly, he genuinely believes next to the people of the Halifax Regional Municipality, nothing comes close.

"They are our greatest strength — period," he says during a break from his mayoralty duties. "There's no comparison ... our people above anything else is what makes us."

Kelly refers to the HRM people as ones who are always there when you need them — such as through volunteering or as city ambassadors.

But there are other things to love about HRM. When asked the top-five things he most likes about Halifax, Kelly lists the fol-

## Mayors countrywide talk up their cities

• "There's so much to discover that you need to come back again and again to discover all the aspects of the nation's capital."

ACTING MAYOR MICHEL BELLEMAIRE, OTTAWA

• "We have a great image internationally because of our mutual respect for differences, our environmental sensibilities, our great banking

lowing.

2. Our great natural beauty.

3. Our reverence we have for our history and heritage.

4. Our entrepreneurial spirit.

5. Our vibrant arts community and cultural diversity.

In specifics, Kelly talks about Citadel Hill, Public Gardens and Victoria Gardens as example of HRM treasures. And as a place to

system and things like our public library, which is the best in the world."

MAYOR DAVID MILLER, TORONTO

• "Without a doubt, the people of Calgary make this city great."

MAYOR DAVID BRONCONNIER, CALGARY

• "We rivalled the growth in China within the last few years and we will continue to do

that when things settle down a bit (with the markets)."

MAYOR STEPHEN MANDEL, EDMONTON

• "We're working to ... retrofit homes and buildings. This will save energy, reduce pollution and create new "green collar" jobs to maximize energy efficiency across our city."

MAYOR GREGOR ROBERTSON, VANCOUVER

get away to relax, you'll find Kelly somewhere by water.

"And we have lots of that down here," he points out.

Kelly realizes it's a difficult time for some with the country in the midst of a recession. But he believes HRM is doing better than most cities in Canada because of our economic makeup, which sees a lot of people working in government, or the military.

"That's not bragging, be-

cause it's nothing to brag about," he says. "The fact is it brings comfort and stability."

Moving forward, Kelly believes the passing of HRM-byDesign and construction projects like a new convention centre in the downtown core will bring a "positive business climate."

He also believes HRM is a community that pulls together in tough times, and the recession will bring out the best in us.

## Letter from the editor



Dianne Rinehart  
Metro Editor-in-Chief

# Don't worry, be happy

Dear readers,

Just when you think things can't get worse — we're here to tell you it's not so bad, after all.

Today, Metro launches The SunnySide of Halifax, a celebration of how great it still is in Canada — despite the recession.

Over the next while we'll interview your political, business and community leaders about the good news in Halifax — and exchange their best recession-busting ideas with our 1.1 million readers and leaders across the country.

As well, our columnists, bloggers, and reporters will buzz with ideas on how we can work together to conquer this recession — or at least laugh about it.

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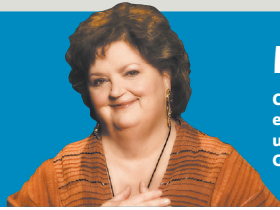
And meanwhile, as Bobby McFerrin sang, Don't Worry, Be Happy.

DIANNE RINEHART,  
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The number of new residential constructions in Halifax was lower last month than it was the year before, with 84 housing starts this April compared to 182 in April 2008, according to recently released numbers from the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## MacNeil sings for moms

Cape Breton songstress Rita MacNeil is honouring all moms tonight at her annual Mother's Day concert, which starts at 7 p.m. at Dalhousie University's Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Halifax is one of four Maritime stops on her tour, which ends in Liverpool tomorrow. Go to [artscentre.dal.ca](http://artscentre.dal.ca) for tickets to this evening's show.

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## Region will take appeal higher: Cape Breton mayor

**LAWSUIT** Cape Breton Regional Municipality Mayor John Morgan said he is disappointed but not discouraged and pledged to appeal the municipality's lawsuit against the province to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Morgan made the declaration Friday, after the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal dismissed CBRM's appeal of a previous decision to throw out the lawsuit by Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice John Murphy last year.

"Obviously, we would have preferred that the final outcome be different, but if you examine the decision closely, there are some very significant elements of it that in fact help the overall effort," Morgan said.

The CBRM lawsuit argues that Section 36 of the Constitution has been breached by the province because it hasn't provided a comparable level of services based on comparable tax rates.

Morgan said he was heartened by the appeal court's finding that there may be cases where the section is justifiable, or subject to trial in a court of law.

"That's not what many people who opposed our litigation have said in the past," Morgan said.

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**Immigration** Guido Mann finds that sponsorship for mothers is much faster in 2009 at [metronews.ca/immigration](http://metronews.ca/immigration)



### Lotteries

Friday, May 8  
Lotto Super 7: 3, 16, 17, 25, 33, 35 & 42. Bonus 7.  
Saturday, May 9  
Lotto 6/49: 14, 19, 23, 31, 34 & 39. Bonus 24.  
These results are not official.

## Premier wants HRM review

### NDP leader Dexter questions timing and reasons

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**Premier Rodney MacDonald wants to look into the merger that created the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

The 1996 amalgamation has long been a source of controversy for many people. MacDonald said he wants to put that to rest one way or the other.

"I've heard concerns from citizens in the rural parts of HRM and also the

downtown core area who have expressed their concerns," he said at a news conference Saturday.

"I believe it's time to end the debate. In that way we're going to move forward with a review by an independent agency."

MacDonald said the cost of the review isn't yet



MacDonald

known but he expects it to be under \$100,000.

The premier said the review was not reflective of the current council or Mayor Peter Kelly. He said citizens have raised concerns about inadequate representation and loss of community.

MacDonald didn't offer his own views on whether HRM should be broken up, saying "I don't want to get ahead of the review process."

But NDP Leader Darrell Dexter questioned why the

review is being announced now, 13 years after amalgamation and 10 years after the Tories first came to power.

Dexter said MacDonald needs to lay out exactly what he wants the review to accomplish.

"My view of it is it's an expensive process to go through to cause a lot of uncertainty with a lot of people. If there are going to be changes we need to know exactly what the criteria are for those changes," he said.



Defence Minister Peter MacKay inspects the honour guard comprised of soldiers from 36 Canadian Brigade Group units during the Halifax Rifles return-to-service ceremony yesterday at the Halifax Armoury.

## Historic Halifax Rifles regiment returns to service

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE  
for Metro Halifax

The Halifax Rifles will march again and 17-year-old Justin Plante, the first new recruit to sign up for the historic army reserve unit, can't wait to lace up his boots.

The Eastern Passage boy was enrolled into the regiment at an event full of pomp and circumstance yesterday at the Halifax Armoury on Cunard Street,

held to recognize the return to service of the Halifax Rifles, which began as a volunteer battalion in 1860 but became inactive by 1965.

"There are two things this young man is going to learn off the bat: Personal grooming and good posture," Maj. James Price, 72, of Bridgetown quipped following the formal ceremony. "He's already learned to shine his boots ... so he's off to a good start."

On a more serious note, the member of the Halifax

Rifles Armoury Association said the young man is "making history."

"I guess I should feel important, but right now I'm hungry," the typical teenager said before diving into some finger foods. But Justin admitted that being a part of the Halifax Rifles will be an important step on his road toward becoming a combat engineer for the military.

National Defence Minister Peter MacKay told the gathered crowd that the

Halifax Rifles are hoping to have 130 young men and women join its ranks. He said reservists represent "over 20 per cent of the rotations that are taking place in Afghanistan today."

MacKay said the Halifax Rifles' return is part of Ottawa's commitment to improving and expanding its military.

The unit will serve as a light armoured reconnaissance regiment and will be led by commanding officer Maj. Shane Gallant.

## On the campaign trail ...

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**INSURANCE** Darrell Dexter wants to remove the \$2,500 cap on soft tissue injuries suffered in car accidents.

The Nova Scotia NDP leader said the cap on small injuries is too broad, and some people haven't been fairly compensated after life-altering collisions.

"People who suffer very serious injuries are not able to get the compensation they deserve," Dexter said. "It's just not fair to these people."

Dexter instead proposes a deductible large enough to weed out minor claims because only those with major injuries would pursue that route. He said this would have the same effect as the current cap.

Tory candidate George Jordan said the NDP was picking a fight with the insurance industry, which could lead to rates going back up. He said cases should be dealt with on an individual basis.

"If it's not broken don't try to fix it," said Jordan. "(People with serious injuries) need to be dealt with individually. Don't overhaul whole system."

**EMPLOYMENT** Nova Scotia lost 4,100 jobs in April according to Statistics Canada. Since October employment in the province has dropped by 8,200 or 1.8 per cent.

Job numbers across the country stayed even largely due to a big hike in the number of self-employed workers.

Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil said Nova Scotia's shoddy performance was due to Premier Rodney MacDonald refusing to recall the legislature early and being the last in the country to release a budget.

MacDonald said his government's Building For Growth Plan would be creating jobs but was put on hold when the opposition defeated the Tories in the legislature.



**Another three cases of flu reported in province**

Three more mild cases of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, were reported by the province Friday. That brings the total cases reported in Nova Scotia since the outbreak began April 26 to 56. All three cases are within the Capital District Health Authority. **METRO HALIFAX**

Music **An evening with Krall**

Canadian jazz musician Diana Krall and bassist Robert Hurst perform along with Krall's band and members of Symphony Nova Scotia at the Metro Centre last night. The Grammy-award winner was in Halifax as part of her Quiet Nights world tour.

**Massive Cape Breton drug bust nets 53 arrests: Police**

**CRIME** Police say Cape Breton just got a whole lot safer after a series of dramatic, co-ordinated raids resulted in dozens of arrests Friday.

Chief Myles Burke of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service announced at a press conference 53 people will be arrested for drug-related offences, marking the conclusion of a five-month investigation called Operation Nightrider. The bust is believed to be one of the largest street-level drug operations ever conducted in Cape Breton.

"This operation has led to a number of arrests and search warrants in the Glace Bay area, New Waterford, Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Mem-

boutou and other communities outside the jurisdiction of the CBRM," Burke said. "The accused in the investigation include 45 males and eight females, ranging in age from 17 to 58 years of age."

Burke said 80 police officers, assisted by staff from a number of agencies throughout the province, were involved.

Drugs seized include marijuana, hash oil, cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy and prescription medication including oxycodone, Percocet, Dilaudid, morphine, hydromorphone and Valium.

Burke estimated that about \$100,000 in drugs were purchased at street level.

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**Armed robbers steal cellphone in Dartmouth**

**THEFT** Three armed people snatched a cellphone at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday in Dartmouth.

Police said the robbery occurred at Limardo Drive and Averill Street, where the trio of assailants got out of their car and approached two victims. One victim managed to get away but the other wasn't so lucky. One of the assailants pulled out a knife but didn't use it, police said.

Suspects were described to police as men in their early 20s, all with blue bandanas over their faces. They were driving an older model, four-door dark car with tinted windows.

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**Police find second suspect in shooting**

**KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE**  
for Metro Halifax

**Halifax Regional Police have nabbed the second suspect allegedly involved in shooting up a car in Dartmouth last Wednesday evening.**

Staff Sgt. Don Fox said in a news release that officers arrested Adam Michael Crocker, 23, at 3 p.m. Saturday where Highway 118 and Pleasant Street meet. Police arrested the other

suspect, Christopher



Crocker

Fillier, just a couple of hours after a shot was fired from one vehicle at the front door of another vehicle on Portland Street at Jersey Drive. No one was injured in the shooting, which police said officers responded to at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Fillier was in Dartmouth provincial court the next day charged with two counts of attempted murder and several weapons related offences, police said. Both suspects are from Dartmouth.

Police were asking for the public's help in finding Crocker, but also warned that "given the seriousness of this incident, members of the public should not approach this individual or try to take matters into their own hands."

**News in brief**

**COLLISION** A pregnant woman ended up in hospital after her SUV was struck by a speeding vehicle Saturday night in Dartmouth, police said. She only suffered minor injuries, but Halifax Regional Police said their accident investigation team was called in "due to the severity of the accident." Police said officers responded to the call just after 7 p.m. at Breeze and Columbo drives, where

they found both vehicles had sustained "very heavy damage." A 16-year-old boy was behind the wheel and had a group of friends with him when he hit the woman's vehicle, police said. The teens weren't hurt and police hadn't laid charges as of yesterday afternoon.

**ARRESTS** Officers arrested three women for "prostitution

related offences" last Wednesday night in Halifax. Halifax Regional Police said they apprehended a 30-year-old, 31-year-old and 45-year-old in the Agricola Street area "for communicating for the purpose of prostitution." Two suspects are scheduled to appear in court at a later date while the other one was in custody last week, police said.

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The federal government said Friday it would appeal a court order that it press Washington to release Omar Khadr, a Canadian held in the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **REUTERS**

# Canada



## Hundreds of hogs culled: Vet

Alberta's chief veterinarian says just under 500 hogs have been culled on the pig farm where influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, was detected, but not because the animals were sick. The decision to cull the herd was to ease overcrowding, Dr. Gerald Hauer added Saturday. "This doesn't have anything to do with the flu," Hauer told a news conference. "It has to do ... with animal welfare." **CBC NEWS ONLINE**



British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell "takes a break from campaigning" to have lunch with his wife, Nancy, and their grandchildren on Mother's Day at a Vancouver restaurant.

## B.C. to decide on vote reform

Potential of single transferable system at issue

**Revving up voters on the issue of electoral reform has come down to which side has the best hockey analogy in a province more focused on the Stanley Cup than STV.**

The no side says voting for the Single Transferable Vote system is akin to the Canucks winning four games in the best of seven round but losing out to the Chicago Blackhawks before they scored more goals.

The yes side, not to be outdone, has their own version. Voting against STV on May 12 would be like

### Last election

• The choice was on the ballot in the 2005 British Columbia provincial election and STV narrowly lost, missing the required 60 per cent threshold, although a clear majority of voters at 58 per cent wanted a change.

letting the Blackhawks win the game just because they scored a goal in each of the first two periods and ignoring the three goals scored by the Canucks in the third period.

For a second election in a

row, B.C. voters will decide whether to keep the current system or vote on STV, the electoral reform that divvies up the vote. B.C. voters will once again have two choices on their ballot when they vote in the provincial election May 12.

They'll be asked to check which system is better: the first-past-the-post current process or STV-B.C. in which voters allocate their vote to a most preferred candidate.

STV has been condemned by critics and praised by supporters.

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Shootout at party sends six to hospital

**SHOOTING** Was a shootout at a Toronto party early yesterday retribution for recent killings?

That's the question police and residents are asking after three intruders shot up a birthday party, sending six people to hospital.

Three victims — one shot in the face, another in the

neck — were reported in critical condition. It was not clear whether all would survive their wounds. One woman said she heard what she thought was a car backfire, then about 25 shots in rapid succession, as if they'd come from an automatic weapon. She ran out of her townhouse to see a wound-

ed teen trying to climb her fence.

"I had to step over him to get out," said Sandy, a 45-year-old mother of three.

Neighbours said at least one partygoer was targeted in retaliation for at least one of three recent murders in Toronto.

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Babies being sent home: Survey

**PARENTING** They are highly educated professionals who come to Canada with a dream to build a better future for their children, but that immigrant dream may come with a catch.

New parents Helen Song, Vivian Jia and Crystal Tian — all recent immigrants from mainland China — are faced with one of the toughest decisions of their lives: Should they send their babies back to China in the care of the grandparents, so they can re-start stalled careers and rebuild a new life?

According to a new Canadian study to be published in today's *Infant Mental Health Journal*, an increasing number of immigrants to Canada and the U.S. are shipping infants to their home country to be raised by extended families.

The phenomenon of "satellite babies" is also common in Vancouver, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and is widespread across different cultures, said York University psychology professor Yvonne Bohr. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Mulroney to give his testimony

**INQUIRY** Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney takes the stand this week to testify about his dealings with arms lobbyist Karlheinz Schreiber as a new poll reveals that many Canadians consider the inquiry a waste of time and money.

Mulroney spent the weekend with advisers in final preparation for his appearance on the witness stand tomorrow. Mulroney has already given evidence to a committee.

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Flu Outbreak: WHO says more than 4,000 affected

• influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, has infected 4,379 people in 29 countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) said, increasing its count by almost a thousand in a day. The WHO tally tends to lag national reports but is considered definitive.

• The flu killed its first patient in Canada, making it the third country after Mexico and the United States to report a death from the virus. The woman's death was reported Thursday but confirmed over the weekend. The chief medical officer in Alberta said that the woman in her 30s who died on April 28 had not

travelled to Mexico, the epicentre of the outbreak, which suggests a more sustained spread.

• Mainland China has reported its first suspected case of swine flu, a Chinese man in Sichuan province who had returned from studying in the United States, the Health Ministry said yesterday. The 30-year-old man was being treated in a hospital in provincial capital Chengdu and has been placed in quarantine, the ministry said in a statement.

• The number of Mexicans confirmed killed by the new flu virus rose by three to 48, Mexico's Health Ministry said Sat-

urday, as life returned to normal in Mexico City where businesses have reopened after being closed for days.

• The flu popped up in Australia and has been confirmed in more than 2,000 Americans, but health officials said Saturday the true number of cases was underestimated.

**REUTERS**

• Officials in Japan scrambled Saturday to track travellers who arrived on the same flight as three people who were diagnosed with the country's first confirmed cases of the new flu strain after returning from Canada.

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## Texting blamed for crash

An underground crash of commuter trolleys in Boston was caused by one driver text messaging, transit officials said. One trolley slammed into the back of another Friday, injuring 49 people. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# World



## Obama as comedian-in-chief

U.S. President Barack Obama played the role of comedian Saturday at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, ticking off a series of goals he hoped to achieve. In the next 100 days of his administration, he said he expected to house-train his new dog, Bo. "The last thing (Treasury Secretary) Tim Geithner needs is someone else treating him like a fire hydrant," Obama said.

REUTERS



Women march against the Taliban in Pakistan yesterday.

## U.S. will not halt air strikes

The United States said yesterday it would not halt air strikes in Afghanistan as demanded by President Hamid Karzai after civilian deaths.

The U.S. military acknowledged on Saturday that the air strikes in western Afghanistan last week that struck crowded homes in two villages in Farah province had killed civilians. Karzai put the death toll at up to 130 people.

If confirmed, it would be the biggest such case of western forces killing civilians since they invaded in 2001.

Chanting "Death to America," hundreds of Kabul university students marched in protest against the killings.

"We're going to take a look at trying to make sure that we correct those things we can correct, but certainly to tie the hands of our commanders and say we're not going to conduct air strikes, it

### No phosphorus: U.S.

The U.S. military denied yesterday it had used the incendiary chemical white phosphorus in a battle that killed civilians in Afghanistan last week, after a rights group said it was investigating suspicious burns on victims. U.S. military spokesman Col. Greg Julian said American forces used no white phosphorus in the incident. "There was no smoke or illum (illumination) used in Farah," he said. "I can't say whether the insurgents used it, but we certainly didn't."

would be imprudent," White House national security adviser James Jones said.

He also said the United States would "redouble our efforts to make sure that innocent civilians are not killed."

The Taliban were "using civilians as shields," he said.

REUTERS

## Dozens killed in Somali clashes

**INSURGENCY** Clashes between rival Islamist groups have killed at least 65 people and wounded more than 190 others in three days of battles in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, witnesses and hospital sources said yesterday.

The African nation's interim government is struggling with a powerful insurgency in one of the world's most dangerous countries, where fighting since late 2006 has killed thousands and forced more than a million more from their homes. Hundreds of Islamists loyal to the government and opposition al

Shabaab militiamen fought with heavy machine guns and mortars in northern Mogadishu over the weekend.

Residents and hospital sources said 50 people had been killed in the fighting and 181 others wounded. At least 15 other people were killed when a mortar struck a local mosque, witnesses said.

"I can see 15 bodies of people killed after a mortar hit a mosque," witness Hassan Abdulle told Reuters by telephone. "They wanted to attend the afternoon prayers."

REUTERS

### News in brief

**FIRE** Some 15,000 people — more than half of those evacuated from an area near Santa Barbara, Calif., — were allowed back home Saturday as firefighters made progress against a wildfire that has

raged for five days. Of the 30,500 people originally forced to leave, about 14,735 remained under mandatory evacuation as of Saturday afternoon, said Harry Hagen, a spokesman for Santa Barbara

County's emergency operations centre.

**MIDDLE EAST** Pope Benedict XVI yesterday visited the site on the Jordan River where Jesus is believed to have been

baptized and urged Christians in the Middle East to play a role in seeking peace. Jordan's King Abdullah and Queen Rania met the pontiff and showed him around the archaeological site.

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When asked to share what I love about Canada, I have to admit my first response was, "Well ... all my stuff is here." Followed by, "People don't laugh at me for ending every sentence with, 'eh.' ... at least not often."

However, having mulled over the question, I realize there are many excellent reasons to love both Canadians and Canada. Here are my top four.

1.) **Optimism.** Three hundred years ago, our country's founders arrived

in this place, confronted a landscape consisting of trees, trees, trees, black-flies, rocks, poison ivy and frozen stuff and said, "Let's settle here. How bad can it be?"

This, while their fellow settlers were choosing Florida.

It's our indomitable optimism that leads Canadians to participate in such determinedly hopeful activities as putting away our snow shovels in April. And, it's this same unconquerable confidence that lets us head into the voting booths every few years saying, "Let's elect another conservative government. How bad can it be?"

2.) **Polite behaviour.** A New York City cashier once asked if I was Canadian.

"You've thanked me three times," she said, "And I haven't even given you your change yet."

#### SunnySide

If there's one thing that makes a true Canadian want to spit, it's people who can't behave politely.

My mother threatens to call the parents of telemarketers who bother her at dinnertime.

Likewise, Canadians are shocked and appalled at the brawling and fighting that takes place among sports fans in other countries.

We keep that kind of behaviour where it belongs — in the morning lineup at Tim Hortons.

3.) **Health care.** A few years back, I attended an international conference on women's health. When the subject of MRIs came up, I complained to the woman beside me that where I live it might take up to eight months to get

scanned. I asked how long she'd have to wait in her country. She sighed. "The rest of my life."

Granted, our health-care system may be frustrating, inefficient and expensive, but health care in Canada has one thing going for it: You can get it.

4.) **Same-sex marriage.** An American comic at Yuk Yuk's commented recently how impressed he was that Canada fully embraced same-sex marriage, once it could be proven it would in no way affect professional hockey. For me it sums up what's great about Canadians.

Many are optimistic, most are polite. And, the rest are popping their government-subsidized meds saying, "Well ... how bad can it be?"

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## Views

### HRM sustainability something to celebrate

#### CleanBreak

Rochelle Owen

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I did a quick informal email poll and asked about the great sustainability features of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Seven respondents from different organizations and ages wrote back with quite similar answers. Here are some of the major themes.

People "loved" the Halifax's Farmers Market for the wide choice of local and organic food, the variety of vendors, and the community experience it provides.

Another common response was the closeness and accessibility of green and natural spaces.

#### SunnySide

Favourite places include Point Pleasant and Shubie parks, Frog Pond, Long Lake, Cole Harbour Salt Marsh Trail, Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea (BLT) Trail and much more.

We are blessed with many oceanscapes including numerous beaches. When I started to think about it, it is quite amazing how many are so close by — Crystal Crescent, Lawrencetown, Martinique (one of my personal favourites), Queensland and so on.

The municipality's website lists more than 30 fresh and salt water beaches.

Many people also mentioned HRM as an active and vibrant community with people out walking, enjoying great food, and

#### HRM

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soaking in the natural and cultural ambience.

The solid waste management program was top of mind for many people, too. In HRM more than 55 per cent of waste is diverted from the landfill through comprehensive residential and commercial reduction, composting and recycling programs.

Other mentions included clean drinking water, the pesticide bylaw, and engaged sustainability discussions fostered by citizens, universities, NGOs, government and other institutions.

This year HRM was ranked number one as the best sustainable medium-sized city by Corporate

Knights magazine. The ranking was based on five criteria including ecological integrity and social well being.

Some of the highlights mentioned in the assessment report align with the email remarks such as the pesticide ban. Other included sustainability planning, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects including the geothermal initiative being implemented at Alderney Landing, and new requirements for cycling infrastructure in new buildings and on roads.

A nice thought to end on provided by two respondents. In HRM "you can see the stars at night" and you can relax sipping "fair trade coffee at many locations around town." Bottoms up, everyone.

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## Worth Mentioning

### Obama more popular than U.S. with Arab nations: Poll

U.S. President Barack Obama's popularity in Arab countries far outstrips that of the United States, suggesting he could be able to boost goodwill in the region toward his country, a survey showed yesterday.

Obama, set to give a major speech to the Muslim world in Egypt next month, "currently enjoys widespread optimism among citizens of that region that he will have a positive effect on their own country, the Middle East, the United States and indeed the world," the polling outfit Ipsos said.

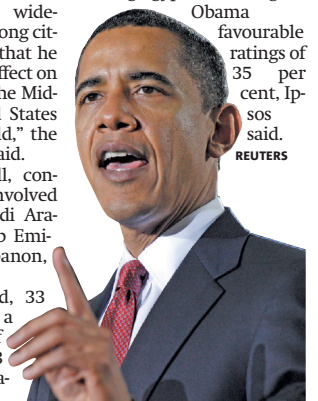
Ipsos said its poll, conducted in March, involved 7,000 adults in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.

Of those surveyed, 33 per cent had a favourable view of the United States, 43 per cent had a negative

view, 14 per cent were neutral and 10 per cent said they did not know, Ipsos said.

In contrast, Obama received favourable ratings averaging 48 per cent in the region as a whole. Approval ran as high as 58 per cent in Jordan and was lowest among Egyptians, who gave

Obama favourable ratings of 35 per cent, Ipsos said. REUTERS



#### Metro Online Poll Results

40% SAID YES

Should the CRTC allow Al-Jazeera to broadcast in Canada?

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60% SAID NO

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# Going Green

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## Air drying can save money

Did you know that your clothes dryer uses up to 10 per cent of your home's electricity? Hanging clothes to dry makes them last longer and smell better, and it saves you money on your energy bills as well as reducing the fire hazard from this appliance. Balcony-friendly drying racks can be found at many stores.

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# Pests be gone — naturally

## EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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While watching TV recently we noticed ants are now marching two by two across the floor. The occasional ant or insect doesn't much faze us, it's part of life. Hakuna matata. But we are now entering bug season and we'd like to stop them before they carry off the remote control. Then we'd be in a fix!

The problem is that with a new baby spending tum-tum time on the floor, we need to be a bit more careful about what we use to control the bugs.

Many of you would also prefer not to use poisons where you can help it. So with bug season underway, we thought it might be a good time for a pest issue.



A common method of control in the house is the ant trap, the idea being that ants find the bait, carry the poison back to the nest, destroying the colony. A bit more targeted than spraying an insecticide, but still a poison you may not want in your house. Plus, it's a bit off-putting when you see an ant trap.

Another route for controlling ants is disrupting their trails. As ants forage, they leave a scent trail that others follow from the

colony can follow to good food sources, like your corn flakes. Using something like oil soap on wood can disrupt the trail, although this will be an ongoing battle as new scouts rediscover your breakfast stash.

There are many products available that have plant oils as active ingredients. The most common are products that use cedar or juniper oils, but there are many other plant oils in use. These oils not only disrupt scent trails, but they

actively repel many insects including cockroaches, mites, silverfish, spiders, and ants. The active deterrents mean you may not need to use these as often.

Insects, like the rest of us, are responsive to chemical cues from would-be mates. We've probably all been a bit confused by someone's perfume or cologne, possibly contributing to regrettable decisions. And we're a bit more intellectually sophisticated than cockroaches. A number of products use

that confusion against insect pests, luring them into traps with pheromones usually secreted during mating. Look for glue traps that incorporate pheromones for household pests, but remember that these will be very specific. A trap designed for silverfish is not going to work on your ants or roaches.

Another strategy uses other hormones (not pheromones) to disrupt life cycles of specific pests. These insect growth regulators often prevent molting or other developmental processes in insects, preventing them from growing and reaching reproductive maturity. These are insect hormones, not poisons, and will not pose a risk to you, your toddler, or even your dog since shedding is not technically molting. Look for products containing Nylar, Precor or Methoprene.

Good luck. We have to run now since the ants are making off with the good silver.

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## Push your way to a greener lawn

**MOWER** The world's most advanced cylinder push lawn mower will make pollution-emitting power mowers a thing of the past and change lawn cutting from a chore to a pleasure when Canadians cut their grass.

That's the prospect offered by the Brill Razor Cut 33/38 mowers, made in Germany and distributed in Canada by Grun Canada.

## Pollution

• According to Statistics Canada, in just one season, the average gas-powered lawn mower emits the same amount of pollution as a car driven 500 kilometres.

Brill mowers are lightweight (9.9 kilograms) and feature a unique friction-free cylinder cutting mechanism that trims grass neatly and effortlessly. Because the mower's blades make no contact with their metal housing, they never need sharpening.

The new push mowers offer hope that the 10 per cent of air pollution caused by the types of small engines used in power mowers can soon be eliminated. Every summer weekend, according to Statistics Canada, about 2.7 million Canadians mow their lawns, using 40 million gallons of gasoline per year. This contributes significantly to several types of air quality pollutants.

Brill mowers are available exclusively at Home Hardware across Canada or interested consumers can order online at [mysmartgarden.ca](http://mysmartgarden.ca).

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## U.S. to keep Bush polar bear plan

**HABITAT** The Obama administration said Friday it will keep a Bush-era rule that weakens protection for polar bears' icy habitat and plays down links between the threatened status of the species and climate change. "Seeing the polar bear's habitat melting and an iconic species threatened is an environmental tragedy of the modern age," U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a telephone briefing.

Government scientists would continue to monitor the situation, he said. But that did not mollify environmental groups that opposed the rule.

Environmental groups decried the administration's decision. "Failing to rescind this rule continues the Bush legacy of ignoring global warming science and blocking any meaningful action to protect the polar bear," Melanie Duchin of Greenpeace said.

REUTERS

## Give up the bottle, but not the water

Can't bring a plastic water bottle into work anymore? You're not alone.

According to the Polaris Institute, there are 27 municipalities from six provinces that have implemented restrictions on bottled water in city facilities. And that's only in Canada; various other cities in the United States, Europe and Australia are also placing bans on the highly popular plastic water bottle and mounting promotions to go "back to tap."

It makes sense. Statistics Canada says almost one-third of Canadian households are choosing to drink bottled water over tap. And since as few as 50 per cent of the water bottles consumed in cities such as Toronto are recycled, that leaves millions of water bottles to plug up waste sites. Toronto alone sends up to 65 million empty bottles to landfills every year.

In a further effort to curb the waste, Canadian

cities such as Toronto, Metro Vancouver, Waterloo, Ont., and more are promoting municipal tap water. And why not? Canada has some of the safest, cleanest and most accessible drinking water in the world. In fact, not only is potable tap water available in most communities across the country, it is also far more regulated than bottled water.

It's easier than you think to carry water with

you at all times without resorting to disposable plastic. Companies such as Canadian Thermos Products Inc. offer solutions with its line of reusable hydration bottles. The double-wall vacuum insulation ensures water remains at optimal temperatures for up to 12 hours; something that plastic could never do when toted around in a hot car, cold skating rink, or even a room-temperature of-



fice building.

Here are just some of the benefits to switching from plastic to reusable water bottles:

• You'll save money. A Canadian study showed that a one-litre brand name bottle of water at \$2.50 is 3,000 times more expensive than the equal amount of municipal tap water.

• You'll help to divert plastic bottles from clogging up the landfills. It takes 700 years before a plastic bottle will begin to decompose in a landfill.

• It's easy to stay healthy and hydrated. A reusable hydration bottle is convenient to refill almost anywhere you go.

• You can ensure that the water you're drinking is free of any harmful chemicals. Stainless steel hydration bottles are Bisphenol A (BPA) free, a chemical that can potentially migrate into the water from plastic bottles when stored.

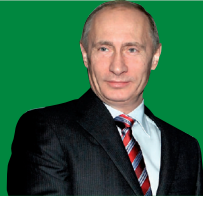


**\$12B plan announced to boost auto purchase financing**

In an effort to bolster the ailing auto sector, the federal government announced on Friday it is rolling out the \$12-billion Canadian Secured Credit Facility to support financing to buy or lease vehicles and equipment. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Business



## GAZ asked to bid for Opel: Media

Canadian auto-parts maker Magna has asked Russia's GAZ to make a bid for a stake in General Motors' German carmaking unit, Opel, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said, according to an interview published yesterday. Putin was quoted as saying Russia would not intervene in a possible deal that German media say could be part of a plan to create a car giant producing up to five million vehicles a year. **REUTERS**

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## Job losses halt in April

**An increase in self-employment allowed Canada's economy to get an unexpected break in April from the punishing job losses that have pummeled it since last fall.**

The economy created 36,000 net positions last month, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at eight per cent, a seven-year high. The positive job number shocked economists, who had anticipated, on average, a loss of about 50,000 jobs.

But economists warned the jobless report should be taken with a grain of salt. Statistics Canada chalked up the overall gain to an influx of 37,000 people in the self-employed category.

"It's probably safe to say that a large portion of this was likely those who were laid off and forced into self-employment," Toronto Dominion Bank economist Diana Petramala wrote in a research note.

One glimmer of hope was that job losses among employees amounted to only 1,100. The public sector added 9,300 jobs, while the private sector shed 10,400. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Disney/Pixar to launch animation studio in Vancouver

**ANIMATION** To accommodate a growing slate of non-feature projects, Disney and Pixar will launch an animation studio in Vancouver in the fall.

The focus will be on

Pixar's established characters, including Buzz and Woody from the Toy Story films and Lightning McQueen and Mater from Cars.

"The operation will be

small in size and dedicated to producing short-form quality computer animation for theme parks, DVDs, television and theatrical exhibition ... for several different divisions of

the Walt Disney Co.," Disney/Pixar president Ed Catmull said.

Pixar general manager Jim Morris said he expects the staff to reach 75 to 100. **REUTERS**

### In brief

**DOLLAR** The Canadian dollar is set for a pullback after a recent charge to a six-month high as euphoria over upbeat data meets the hard reality of ongoing economic problems, analysts say. **REUTERS**

### KNOW WHAT TO DO TO FIGHT THE H1N1 FLU VIRUS

The H1N1 flu virus (human swine flu) is a respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to those of the seasonal flu (fever **and** cough, runny nose, sore throat, body aches, fatigue and lack of appetite).

All strains of flu can be dangerous; however, good infection prevention measures can help protect you and others if this virus begins to spread rapidly in Canada.

- ▶ Wash your hands often and thoroughly—for at least 20 seconds—in warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer.
- ▶ Cough and sneeze in your sleeve, not your hand.
- ▶ Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected.
- ▶ Stay home if you're sick, and call your health care provider if your symptoms get worse.

### KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR BEST DEFENCE

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## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### Rezoning rejected:

The Greater Burnside Business Association announced last week it is unable to support an application by Dartmouth Crossing Ltd. to rezone 31.5 hectares of land north of the Dartmouth Crossing Business Park.

### IMP strike averted:

A strike has been averted at Amherst's IMP Aerospace facility after last-minute negotiations.

### New home for market:

The old Zellers building on Provost Street in New Glasgow will be turned into a new home for the Pictou County Farmer's Market, developer Joe Pinto has confirmed.

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# Sports

## Button takes Spanish GP

Formula One leader Jenson Button banked his fourth victory in five races yesterday at the Spanish Grand Prix after overtaking his downcast GP teammate Rubens Barrichello, who finished second and trails Button by 14 points in the championship. Australian Mark Webber was third for Red Bull, tallying his second podium finish of the season. REUTERS



# Bruins force Game 6 with 'Canes

Stanley Cup  
2009 Playoffs  
NHL RESULTS  
Boston 4 Carolina 0



Phil Kessel scored twice and Tim Thomas recorded his first shutout this post-season as the Boston Bruins stayed alive in their Eastern Conference semifinal series with a 4-0 win over Carolina in Game 5.

The Hurricanes lead the best-of-seven matchup 3-2, with another chance to close it out at home tomorrow in Game 6.

After being outscored 10-3 in Games 2-4, all losses, the Bruins controlled yesterday's matchup from start to finish and looked more like the top-seeded team that won 53 games and totalled 116 points during the regular season.

Thomas made 19 saves in the victory, while Mark Recchi and Milan Lucic each



Boston's Milan Lucic collides with Carolina goalie Cam Ward during the third period of Game 5 last night in Boston. The Bruins downed the Hurricanes 4-0 and now trail Carolina three games to two.

added a goal for Boston, which still has a daunting challenge if it is to advance to the East finals. The Bruins have never come back from a 3-1 series deficit in 20 opportunities.

Cam Ward surrendered

all four goals on 40 shots for Carolina, which totalled nearly as many penalties (17) as it did shots (19).

### Detroit 4 Anaheim 1

Henrik Zetterberg posted a goal and two assists as

the Detroit Red Wings topped the Anaheim Ducks 4-1 in Game 5 of a Western Conference semifinal at Joe Louis Arena.

Johan Franzen, Jiri Hudler and Darren Helm also lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who lead the

best-of-seven series 3-2 and get their first crack to eliminate Anaheim tomorrow in Game 6 at Honda Center.

"Tonight it felt like they took a step back," said Franzen. "We were dominating them from the first minute."

Chris Osgood needed just 16 saves for his seventh win of the 2009 playoffs.

Ryan Whitney posted the only goal for the Ducks, who have dropped two straight games for the first time this postseason. Jonas Hiller made 34 stops in defeat.

"I think we were not able in the first period to show reaction," said Hiller. "We just let them come again and weren't tight enough. Definitely not the way you want to start a game in Detroit."

Detroit finally put the game away with 3:08 left in regulation, as Helm notched his first goal of the playoffs by shooting through traffic in the crease.

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## Soccer fans left in lurch

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

metronews.ca/justsoccer

Canadian soccer fans were left in the lurch this week when they learned of broadcasting problems on foreign and domestic sides of the ball.

Last week it was revealed that Setanta, the broadcaster that provides Canucks with English Premiership games, is in serious financial trouble.

The Premiership rejected the broadcaster's request to defer an installment payment of \$105 million due at the end of this month.

Rogers, the sole Canadian carrier of Setanta, declined comment on the future of the channel and it remains unclear if Setanta were to fail to meet its financial obligations, how that would affect the Rogers agreement to broadcast the English game.

Meanwhile, Rogers Sportsnet announced it would not cover two of the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup games.

It's passing on the most-anticipated domestic game of the year, as Montreal takes on Toronto Wednesday, to throw the full weight of Sportsnet behind the team it owns, the Toronto Blue Jays.

Toronto FC Director of Business Operations Paul Beirne confirmed that the match will only be broadcast on the TFC website.

It speaks to how far the club is willing to go for coverage, but also to the need for a dedicated channel.

Toronto FC purchased a controlling stake in the soccer channel GOLTV last year and have broadcast a few games on it this season.

Canadian fans, who shell out \$15 a month for Setanta, have shown they are willing to pay more for a broadcaster that provides accurate and consistent coverage.

If other stations aren't willing to provide that, the same can be assumed for the domestic side of the ball.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Tuesday at metronews.ca/ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

## Stenson cruises to TPC title

**GOLF** Sweden's Henrik Stenson kept his cool in 90 degree heat to win the Players Championship by four shots, as a frustrated Tiger Woods crashed out of contention at the TPC Sawgrass course yesterday.

The Swede carded the only bogey-free round on the final day, a six-under-par 66 for 12-under overall,

to pick up his first stroke-play win on the PGA Tour. Britain's Ian Poulter shot a two-under 70 to finish second, four strokes behind Stenson and post his best result on U.S. soil.

World No. 1 Tiger Woods had another frustrating day, slumping to eighth after carding a one-over-par round. REUTERS

## Sports in brief

**NBA** Shane Battier scored 12 of his playoff career-high 23 points in the first quarter, as the Houston Rockets manhandled the Los Angeles Lakers 99-87 in Game 4 of their now dead-locked Western Conference semifinal series.

**SOCCER** Manchester United strolled to a 2-0 defeat of Manchester City yesterday to return to the top of the Premier League and closer to a record-equaling 18th title. Liverpool sits in second, three points back. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## SCOREBOARD

### NHL

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**  
Boston 4 Carolina 0  
Detroit 4 Anaheim 1

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3 (OT)  
Chicago 4 Vancouver 2

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Pittsburgh 5 Washington 3  
Carolina 4 Boston 1

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
Washington at Pittsburgh  
Vancouver at Chicago

### NBA

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 99 L.A. Lakers 87  
Boston 95 Orlando 94

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
Denver 106 Dallas 105  
Cleveland 97 Atlanta 82

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Orlando 117 Boston 96  
L.A. Lakers 108 Houston 94

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
Cleveland at Dallas  
Denver at Dallas

### MLB

**THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS**  
Toronto 5 Oakland 0

### DETROIT 5 CLEVELAND 3

L.A. Angels 4 Kansas City 3  
N.Y. Yankees 5 Baltimore 3

Texas 7 Chicago White Sox 1  
Seattle 5 Minnesota 3

Tampa Bay at Boston  
**YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS**

Arizona 10 Washington 8  
Atlanta 4 Philadelphia 1

Chicago Cubs 4 Milwaukee 2  
Colorado 3 Florida 2

Houston 12 San Diego 5  
N.Y. Mets 8 Pittsburgh 4

San Francisco 7 L.A. Dodgers 5 (13  
ings)  
St. Louis 8 Cincinnati 7 (10 ings)

## Cecil, Rios shine as Blue Jays win

MLB RESULTS  
Toronto 5 Oakland 0



**BASEBALL** Alex Rios went 2-for-4 with a homer and three runs batted in while Brett Cecil tossed eight frames of scoreless ball to get his first career win, as the Toronto Blue Jays shut out the Oakland Athletics 5-0 in the rubber match of a three-game set.

Aaron Hill went 2-for-5 with an RBI, while Rod Barajas went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored for the Blue Jays, who finished a five-game road trip with a 3-2 mark.



Toronto's Marco Scutaro tags out Oakland's Jack Cust on a double attempt in the sixth inning of Toronto's 5-0 win yesterday.

Cecil (1-0) allowed just five hits and fanned six batters to collect his first win in the majors. Cecil, the 38th selection in the 2007 draft, made his debut against the Cleveland

Indians last Tuesday.

Dallas Braden (3-4) allowed three runs on nine hits with three strikeouts in a six-inning start for the Athletics.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Russia downs Canada to win gold-medal game

**HOCKEY** Russia rallied to beat Canada 2-1 and win the world ice hockey championship yesterday, taking its second championship in a row.

Jason Spezza gave Canada an early lead, but Oleg Saprykin equalized in the

first period and Alexander Radulov fired the winner five minutes from the end of the second.

The Russians, who won last year's final 5-4 in overtime on Canadian soil to win the trophy for the first time in 15 years, survived a

tense third period to frustrate Canada again.

Russia's Ilya Kovalchuk was named player of the tournament.

Earlier in the day, Sweden downed the United States to win the bronze medal. REUTERS



**CHL title for former Herd captain**

Former Halifax Mooseheads captain Brandon Benedict has won a Central Hockey League championship with the Texas Brahmas. Benedict finished fifth in CHL playoff scoring. **METRO HALIFAX**

sports **11****Cataractes force Game 7 in final**

**QMJHL** The Shawinigan Cataractes have forced a Game 7 in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League final.

Nicholas Peterson scored his 10th goal of the post-season with 41 seconds remaining in the first overtime as the host Cataractes earned a 2-1 victory over the Drummondville Voltigeurs last night with the President Cup on the line.

The Cataractes have now recovered from a 3-1 series deficit and it all comes down to Tuesday's 8:30 p.m. matchup at Marcel Dionne Centre. Neither team has won a Q title.

Yannick Riendeau was the only Drummondville player to find the scoresheet, giving him 27 goals in the post-season. He tied a Q record with his 16th power-play goal.

**METRO HALIFAX****Former Caper dies in car crash**

**SOCCER** A former Cape Breton Capers men's soccer team member has been identified as the victim in a fatal, single-vehicle accident on Lingan Road on Saturday morning.

A moment of silence was held at CBU spring convocation yesterday for Connor Timmons, son of Cpaers women's soccer coach Stephen (Ness) Timmons.

Timmons suited up for the Capers when they captured the school's first Atlantic University Sport men's soccer championship in 2007. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

**CAPE BRETON POST****Hockey Canada lands IIHF events**

**IIHF** Hockey Canada has secured hosting rights to four IIHF world junior championships (2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021) and three IIHF world women's championships (2013, 2016 and 2020). Halifax set records when it hosted the world junior in 2003 and the world women's in 2004. Details regarding the bidding process for the seven events have not been announced.

**METRO HALIFAX****Sports in brief**

**AUS** The Fredericton Daily Gleaner is reporting the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoffs will expand its semifinals and finals to best-of-five series. The report said the change doesn't require approval from Canadian Interuniversity Sport.

**METRO HALIFAX**

Runners cross the Macdonald Bridge during the 2006 Blue Nose International Marathon.

# Marathon given course correction

Organizers aim to eliminate problems from last year

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**Growing field**

Blue Nose International

Marathon growth:

- 2004 — 3,500.
- 2005 — 5,200.
- 2006 — 6,300.
- 2007 — 7,000.
- 2008 — 7,800.

**Organizers hope they have eliminated wrong turns from the fifth annual Blue Nose International Marathon.**

A slightly altered race route and coloured bibs are two of the steps taken to help Sunday's Blue Nose go off without a hitch after last year's setup led to a chaotic day for runners.

Last year's route funneled more than 5,000 participants of the 5K, 10K, half and full marathon up Agricola Street. With each event requiring its own separate turnoff, volunteers struggled to point runners in the right direction.

One woman was even declared the Blue Nose champ until it was revealed she had taken a wrong turn.

This year, the north-bound route is twinned between Maynard and Agri-

cola, splitting traffic from the four events. The coloured bibs, meanwhile, will make life easier for volunteers.

"Bottom line, we didn't do a very good job managing it last year," said Blue Nose co-chair Rod McCulloch. "They're not on the same street now so you don't have that confusion. We know who (the runners) are and where they need to turn, and with coloured bibs, volunteers can tell who's who more easily."

An improved system is particularly important because participation numbers are projected to climb

to 9,000 from last year's 7,800. Those numbers include Saturday's youth run.

McCulloch estimated that 6,300 have already signed up, including more than 4,000 for Sunday's adult events.

"We're very much on target at this point," said McCulloch, noting that there is typically a rush of last-minute signups.

"Our rallying cry is 9,000 in 2009 and 10,000 in 2010."

McCulloch said if the numbers continue to grow in the future, the Blue Nose will consider holding some of its adult events, such as the 5K and the 10K, on Saturday.

"Eventually trying to run all four adult events on Sunday will be too much," he said. "That's in the future."

Saturday's youth run is at 11 a.m. at the Town Clock. Sunday's events begin at 9 a.m. at the same location.

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In its comparison of Ontario's tuition levels to peer jurisdictions in Canada and the U.S., the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations says students in the province are paying more than their "share," both in terms of tuition costs and proportion of total operating revenue. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ontario students pay more for their share: OCUFA

# Workology

## Students flood Oz

Foreign student enrolment at Australian institutions has jumped to a record 20 per cent, despite expectations such enrolment would dip due to the global recession.

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# Getting people on their feet

In her search for great dance music, Melleny Melody led Deadmau5 to a Juno

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for Metro Canada



**Melleny Melody has the voice of a Care Bear, the stage presence of a star and the business know-how it takes to run one of Canada's premier electronic and dance music labels.**

Melody is the multi-talented performer, songwriter and founder of Play Records who is perhaps most identifiable as the person who discovered world-renowned DJ-producer Deadmau5 (pronounced "dead mouse").

She's also had a fascinatingly varied career performing as her alter-ego, Mellefesh, creating her own music and even working as a voice actor on the hit children's show *The Care Bears* — listen closely to *Cheer Bear* or *Baby Tugs* and you'll hear Melody's trademark bubbly timbre.

Most importantly though, Melody has successfully helmed her own music label to the top of an industry frequently led by men.

"There's very few

**"I want to do music that gets you up off your ass and is playful, happy music."**

Melleny Melody

women label owners in the music business. It's good for you if you can establish yourself and keep a presence," Melody said.

Melody launched Play Records in 1996 and has since expanded the label into a digital-only division (Play Digital) as well as the more mainstream-friendly sub-label YALP Records, with close to 30 individual artists and more than 250 wholly owned tracks in the entire Play roster. The label has also licensed music to hit television shows *Queer as Folk* and *The L Word* as well as commercial spots for Aveda, Kellogg's and 7-Up.

Running the label has had its challenges but Melody says her love for music has made pushing through all the difficult times worth it, especially

with Play's growing success.

"I've always put my own money into this — I probably owe myself a million dollars. You have to do this for the love. Longevity is going to tell the tale of whether you're worth it in the end," she said.

Melody first discovered Deadmau5 (real name Joel Zimmerman) in 2004 and convinced him to move from Niagara Falls, Ont., to Toronto where the pair started collaborating on tracks. Since then, Deadmau5's career has skyrocketed with the 28-year-old phenom having won a 2008 Juno for Best Dance Recording for "All U Ever Want" with Billie Newton-Davis while being nominated in the same year on the track "After Hours" with vocals performed



A Care Bear and the head of Canada's premier electronic and dance record label, Melleny Melody has a busy, but successful, life.

and written by Melody.

Collaborating with artists is one of the best parts of her job, Melody says, and in the end all she wants to do is find

great artists and create music that is worth listening to.

"I just want to do good dance music — I want to do music that gets you up

off your ass and is playful, happy music. I want to keep on finding exciting new talent more than anything. My door is always open," Melody said.

# Got an accent? Talk too fast? Talk to Jay Miller

## OddJobs

**Diane Peters**

Metronews.ca/oddjobs



Jay Miller's early years were spent doing two things. Singing. Mainly in church choirs in the Mennonite community in Maryland where he grew up.

And helping people. He worked at a school for children with special needs and as an administrative assistant for a religious organization. He also worked as a carpenter, a builder and a baker.

Miller was in his early 30s — he's now 48 — when he did some career coun-

selling and the idea of speech therapy came up. It blended his knowledge of the voice and his desire to give help others.

He took an undergraduate degree in speech language and hearing science at Temple University in Philadelphia. While his classmates went on to further study in therapeutic work, he realized he'd yet to find the perfect career. "It was clear to me my interest in voice was more artistic than clinical. I was interested in working with normal voices, not sick voices."

A professor suggested the master's program at York University in theatre, where he could get a diploma in voice teaching at the same time. So, Miller came to Canada, and found himself studying theatre. "The



Jay Miller's job is to help people speak better.

acting part was odd," he admits.

But Miller excelled at the voice work and went on to do contract teaching at York at Dalhousie University in Halifax. But it wasn't what he really wanted to do.

"I finally decided to get serious and started a private practice and focus my

attention on business and professional clients. And the rest is history."

While Miller found teaching large classes exhausting, he's invigorated by his hour-long one-on-one sessions with clients. People come to him to get rid of accents (a big part of his early work in private practice), learn to speak more slowly,

or make their voices lower, stronger, less raspy or less nasal.

Most clients come for between a month and three months, and begin with a month of Miller's basic voice and speech program. This involves not only speaking, but also stretching, moving and breathing — sometimes, Miller's sessions resemble yoga classes. "We get the body open and engaged, and the voice can become open and engaged too."

While people often think he's analyzing their voices at parties or over dinner, he rarely does. But when he's working, he's excellent at observing details: Miller can tell if someone's not breathing properly by talking over the phone.

And while helping people speak better isn't the

## The Lowdown

**Job title:** Voice coach  
**Salary:** \$500 and up  
**Education/training:** Some have extensive voice experience through singing, while others take formal speech and voice training in university.  
**Best Part of the Job:** "Seeing people make discoveries about themselves."  
**Worst Part of the Job:** "Clients who expect me to do the work for them."

same as social work, Miller says it satisfies his desire to help others in their lives. "You can't uncover your whole voice without on some level discovering more of who you are."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



## Van Halen signs up for Guitar Hero

Activision Blizzard is releasing three new music-based video games this year — DJ Hero, Guitar Hero 5 and Band Hero — and has confirmed that Guitar Hero: Van Halen is on tap. The Van Halen game will be released in the second half of the year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Entertainment

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## BookPicks

### Play

**Author:** Stuart Brown with Christopher Vaughan  
**Publisher:** Penguin Canada  
**Price:** \$27.50 (Hardcover)

**DR. STUART BROWN** is passionate about play. He created the California-based National Institute for Play to prove it. In his new book, he details the wide-reaching importance of taking time out for fun in daily life. Play, he writes, is called recreation because it actually does recreate us. Brown equates the need for play with that for food and sleep and explains the implications it has not just to our happiness but child development, education and business.

**Brian Coulton**/for Metro Canada



# Words lost in translation

**ADAM NAYMAN**  
for Metro Canada

**"The glory of being a writer," says Chuck Palahniuk, "is that when you mess up really badly, you're able to transform it into something that works out."**

The Fight Club author is referring to a faux pas he made on German national radio a few years back: Eschewing the services of a translator, he accidentally conflated two German verbs and ended up offending an entire national listening audience.

"The publicist who was accompanying me was just furious," he recalls. "She told me that I had said 'I'm sorry I have gassed so many German people to death.' And that I had apparently

said it several times."

The eponymous narrator of Pygmy is similarly lost in translation: The novel is told from the point of view (and the fractured syntax) of a thirteen-year-old boy from an unnamed totalitarian state who has come to America as part of an elaborate terrorist plot. Pygmy's plan to explode his new home bumps up against his burgeoning affection for his new foster sister, a development that enables Palahniuk to deploy some slyly double-sided satire; for Pygmy, America may be a "hive of corruption" but it's also a space of great temptation.

"I wanted to make fun of people who are rah-rah super patriots and who think that the country can do no wrong, while also covering the people who think that



Fight Club author Chuck Palahniuk has a new book called Pygmy.

America is the most evil entity on Earth, like the Devil Incarnate," says Palahniuk.

"Whether you're talking about George W. Bush or Michael Moore, there's an

incredible self-obsession. You know: 'We're the best!' Or: 'We're the worst!' Either way, it's still all about us, right? Those extremes just irritate the hell out of me." Palahniuk knows all

## Moore music

Pop star Mandy Moore has confirmed that new album *Amanda Leigh*, which she describes in a press release as "a collection of reflections and insights about life and love," will be released on June 3. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## critics' corner

### How Clean Is Your House?

This episode is for everyone who's ever gotten in trouble for chewing gum in school. Jane is a teacher who dresses well and keeps a well-disciplined classroom. Her home, however, is another matter. Not only is it dirty, but there are used wads of gum everywhere — even on the lamp. Now we know what she does with the contraband gum she confiscates from students. Enter Aggie and Kim to help this slovenly schoolmarm make her home look as good as she does. 9 PM on W



### How I Met Your Mother

An old acquaintance who believes he did something that ruined Ted's (Josh Radnor) life insists on trying to help him find a job, but what is intended as an act of kindness backfires horribly. Cocky Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) tries to prove he can smooth-talk his way out of a speeding violation in the new episode "As Fast as She Can." 9:30 PM on CBS

### Dirty Jobs

Maggot farming. That's all you need to know about this new episode, which finds Mike Rowe in Idaho learning how to raise fly larvae for fun and profit — well, profit anyway. This family business sells maggots for fishing bait, agriculture, even entertainment — hey, the "CSI" shows need to get them from somewhere. 10 PM on DISCOVERY

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While filming his faux-documentary *Bruno*, Sacha Baron Cohen tried to bleach all the hair on his body for his role as the gay Austrian fashionista, but ended up with an allergic reaction so severe "he couldn't sit down for three days," an insider shares. **POPEATER.COM**

That's some dedication ...

## Celebrity Buzz

# Kate blames fame for woes

**BLAME GAME** Kate Gosselin of TLC's *Jon & Kate Plus 8* said the focus on her current marital woes is "a result of our situation — our very public lives," *usmagazine.com* reports.

"Everyone wants to know everything about us," she said on Larry King. "And I feel like this is a situation where, you know, you can't believe everything that you read."

King also read a statement from Jon, who denies cheating on his

wife — despite video, pictures and on-the-record interviews alleging otherwise. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," read the statement.

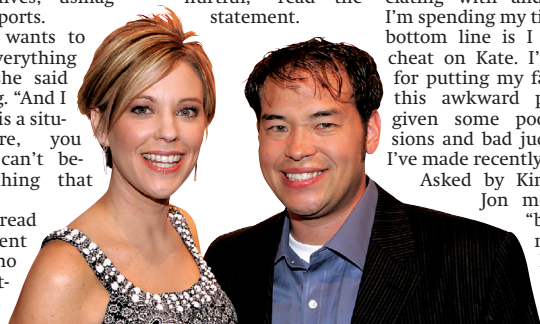
"As I adjust to the attention that comes from being in the public eye, I need to be more careful and aware of who I'm associating with and where I'm spending my time. The bottom line is I did not cheat on Kate. I'm sorry for putting my family in this awkward position, given some poor decisions and bad judgments I've made recently."

Asked by King what Jon meant by "bad judgment," Kate replied: "We

are a family who didn't set out to live the celebrity lifestyle. We are living our lives like a normal family. Cameras come in and film us. And that, to the world — to the public, makes us celebrities."

"I am not a celebrity..." she added. "I am a mom and a wife. And I feel that Jon is having difficult times realizing that you can't go to the grocery store without people whipping out their cell-phones, calling everyone they know and taking pictures of you. He is dealing very poorly with it."

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## Oprah evacuates home amid fire?

**SAFETY FIRST** Oprah Winfrey is preparing to evacuate her Montecito, Calif., home as wildfires come within a few miles of her coastal ranch, a source tells *usmagazine.com*. The source tells *Us* that movers arrived at the talk show host's six-bedroom, \$50 million US mansion to pack her belongings in case of an evacuation.

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# Amy bombs her comeback

**SAME OLD STORY** Even Mother Nature couldn't handle Amy Winehouse's lacklustre comeback gig.

Heavy rains forced the trouble-ridden British singer to cut short a performance at the St. Lucia Jazz Festival on Friday, her first gig in 2009, *eonline.com* reports.

Her spokesman, Chris Goodman, said the singer and her band "tried to soldier on" despite the storm causing sound and lighting problems.

Fans, however, couldn't have been more pleased, according to the BBC.

"What a wasted talent," said a male concertgoer. "She is on a one-way road to destruction; it's such a shame."

During the hour-long set, Winehouse forgot lyrics, appeared distracted and inadvertently flashed her underwear before walking off stage.

At one point, the 25-year-old chanteuse even told the audience, "Sorry, I'm bored."

"It was disappointing," said another fan. "It is very sad to see, but she is obviously not fit to be on stage."

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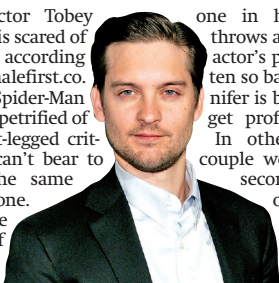


## Tobey's spooked by spiders

**IRONY** Actor Tobey Maguire is scared of spiders, according to *femalefirst.co.uk*. The Spider-Man star is so petrified of the eight-legged critters he can't bear to be in the same room as one. A source said: "If he finds

one in his house he throws a hissy fit." The actor's phobia has gotten so bad his wife Jennifer is begging him to get professional help. In other news, the couple welcomed their second child, a boy, on Friday.

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## Gaga stripped for her folks

**FAMILY DYNAMICS** Lady Gaga's parents once came to watch her strip, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The singer took the job to make ends meet while waiting for her music career to take off.

The 23-year-old pop star recalled: "My

parents came down to see me perform. I wasn't worried that they were watching me, I wanted them to see what I was doing. But my dad was shocked. He thought I was going crazy. He really thought I had lost it and he was so upset. That totally freaked me out. I didn't want to be a failure in his eyes."

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## Talk about a slow learner

**EDUCATION** It's been 17 years in the making, but Jimmy Fallon finally received his bachelor's degree in communications from the College of Saint Rose, *people.com* reports.

The NBC *Late Night* host, 34, was one of 1,800 students who donned a cap and gown at the university's commencement ceremony in Albany, N.Y., on Saturday.

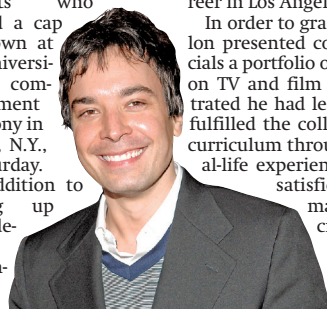
In addition to picking up his degree, the funnyman

served as the keynote speaker and spoke to his fellow graduates.

The Saturday Night Live alum attended Saint Rose from 1992 through 1995 but decided to drop out just one semester short of graduating to pursue a career in Los Angeles.

In order to graduate, Fallon presented college officials a portfolio of his work on TV and film that illustrated he had learned and fulfilled the college's core curriculum through his real-life experience, which satisfied remaining credits.

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## Jack's nose was broken: Rep

**OUCH** Fashion designer Jack McCollough, who was allegedly head-butted by Kiefer Sutherland last week, required surgery for his injuries, his rep said.

"Mr. McCollough suffered a broken nose in three places as a result of the assault," his rep told *People* on Friday, refuting reports that he was merely scratched.

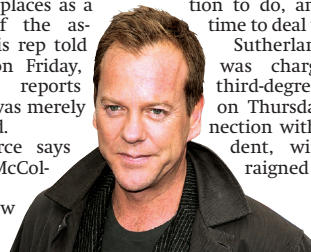
A source says that McCollough, who's now sporting

bandages on his nose, "had to have his nose reset. It's painful and it felt horrible."

The source adds that McCollough is "also pissed off and annoyed that this all happened. He has a collection to do, and has no time to deal with this."

Sutherland, who was charged with third-degree assault on Thursday in connection with the incident, will be arraigned June 22.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



## Jesus goes back to school?

**MONEY'S NO OBJECT** Madonna has been dating 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz for months, but she's finally had enough of his poor language skills, according to the *Daily Star*.

The pop star has decided to get

professional help.

"She's paying more than \$1,000 US a week for him to learn English," a source says.

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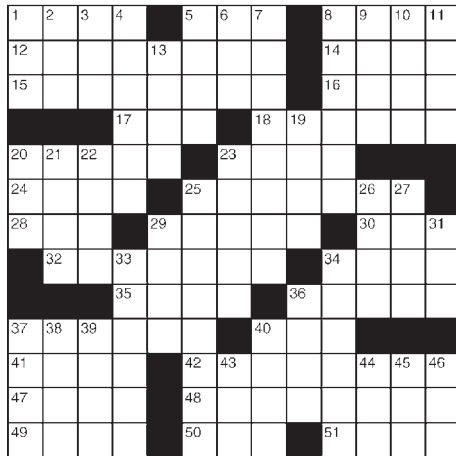
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## Take Five



## Crossword across

- 1 Annie Lennox's, "No More 'I Love —'"  
5 Shade provider  
8 Grate  
12 Ordinate counterpart  
14 "Do — others ..."  
15 Labyrinth beast  
16 Ollie's pal  
17 Little, in Paris  
18 Unisex top  
20 PC peripheral  
23 Folder contents  
24 Angered  
25 Stately dances  
28 "— Miserables"

- 29 Puglist  
30 Discoverer's cry  
32 Mosque tower  
34 Culture medium  
35 — and crafts  
36 SALT subject  
37 Elk  
40 Crucial  
41 Mideast airline  
42 Member of the clergy  
47 Skin opening  
48 Eternally  
49 Prepared to drive  
50 Reuben bread  
51 Impale

## Crossword down

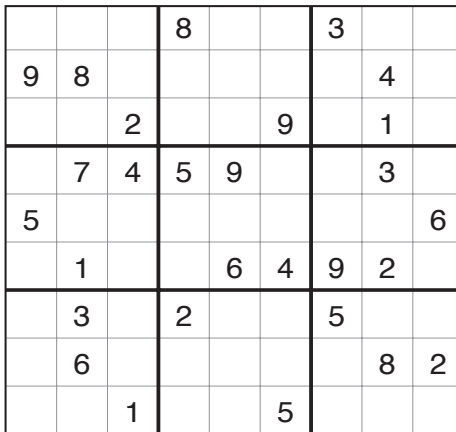
- 1 Sweet potato  
2 Kyoto cummerbund  
3 Sailors' org.  
4 Evaluated by eyeing  
5 Jacob's brother  
6 Baton Rouge sch.  
7 Strict disciplinarian  
8 Potential frat member  
9 Con  
10 Celeb  
11 Bridge, in Brest  
13 Particular  
19 Speak sloppily  
20 Wire measure  
21 Utah city  
22 Lucy's partner  
23 Repairs

- 25 Bergen's dummy Snerd  
26 Takeout request  
27 Phony  
29 Homer's imp son  
31 Sphere  
33 Caught rehanding  
34 Bottomless pits  
36 Estate recipient  
37 Sobbed  
38 Lotion additive  
39 Rid of rind  
40 Patella site  
43 Wall climber  
44 Youngster  
45 Historic time  
46 CSA soldier

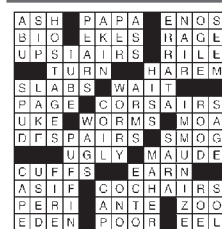
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- Under 13 min ..... Genius  
13-17 min ..... Scholar

- 17-21 min ..... Smart  
21-25 min ..... Not bad  
25+ min ..... Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Curried Chicken

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/3 cups (325 ml) chicken or vegetable stock  
1 medium onion  
2 cloves garlic  
3 tbsp (45 ml) canola oil  
3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose flour  
2 tbsp (25 ml) mild curry powder  
1 1/2 lb (680 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
Small handful of cilantro  
2 tbsp (25 ml) seedless raisins  
3 tbsp (45 ml) (25g) flaked almonds  
1/2 lemon  
2 tbsp (25 ml) natural yogurt  
2 tbsp (25 ml) heavy cream  
Salt and black pepper

## METHOD:

1. Put stock on to boil. Peel and chop onion and garlic; fry gently in oil in large frying pan until soft, 5 minutes.  
2. Mix flour and curry powder in large bowl, then cut chicken into 1-in. (2.5-cm) cubes and toss in mixture until evenly coated. Add chicken

and flour mixture to pan and fry, stirring, 3 minutes.

3. Rinse, dry and chop enough cilantro to give 1 tbsp (15 ml) and reserve some to garnish. Add rest to chicken with raisins and hot stock. Bring to boil, stirring, then reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.

4. Toast almonds in dry frying pan. Squeeze juice from lemon and set aside.

5. When chicken is cooked, remove pan from heat and stir in almonds, lemon juice, yogurt, cream, and salt and pepper to taste. Reheat gently, without boiling. Garnish with reserved cilantro and serve with rice.

SERVES 4

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

sallybrompton.com

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Tie up as many loose ends as you can today. There may be a thousand and one other things you'd rather do but your impatience could get you into trouble, so temper your enthusiasm and realize some things just have to be done, and done now.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You seem to be taking great strides at the moment and long may it continue. But while the Sun stays in the most sensitive area of your chart, your self-image is probably a bit fragile, so don't expect too much of yourself. Your best is yet to come.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

You'll feel pressure beginning to mount on the work front today. Employers and others in positions of power will make demands you're not sure you'll be able to meet. Don't worry. If you stay calm and keep your mind free of fear you'll cope.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

You have been carrying an unusually heavy load of late and you really do need to get others to share the load. You are not alone. There are no end of people in your life who would happily help you — if you were to ask them. So ask.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't get lost in details today because it is the bigger picture you should be looking at. A lot of things have been hidden from you in recent months but before May is over they will start to reveal themselves — and make perfect sense.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

This may not be one of the better times of the year for you but that doesn't mean you can't have fun. A lot depends on how you appear to other people, so get that gloom-and-doom look off your face and try smiling — it's not so hard.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

The most important thing in life at the moment is to know what it is that you want, and if you don't know then it is about time you made an effort to find out. Without a clear vision in your mind's eye you are on a loser from the start.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You must not give in to negative emotions today. The moment you start thinking of yourself as some kind of victim is the moment you become one — and you're not. Your life is full of good things and good people, so get a grip.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

The more others say they are acting in your best interests the more you can be sure they are acting in their own. Only you know what it is you most desire and only you can make it happen, so thank them for their offers and act for yourself.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Why do you spend so much time and effort trying to make other people feel good but so little time and effort trying to make yourself feel good? Whatever the reason, it has to stop. Reverse the trend over the next 24 hours. It's you who matters.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

If you feel a bit under the weather as the new week begins, take it as a warning that you've been doing too much. You may have big plans but you have limits too and you'd be wise to acknowledge them and not push yourself too hard.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Impulse buying is not a good idea at the best of times but with Venus and Mars transiting the money area of your chart you have to splash out. To a certain extent that's OK, but don't spend everything you've got just to impress other people.

## WORDY GURDY®

1. To a riot, plunder a Montana city (1)

2. Use a beeper to summon actor Nicolas (1)

3. Fire fitness guru LaLanne (1)

4. University regulation (1)

5. Expert fishing-line finger (2)

6. Reactin'-to-ragweed (time of the year) (2)

7. Polaroid pic of a powerful hockey swing (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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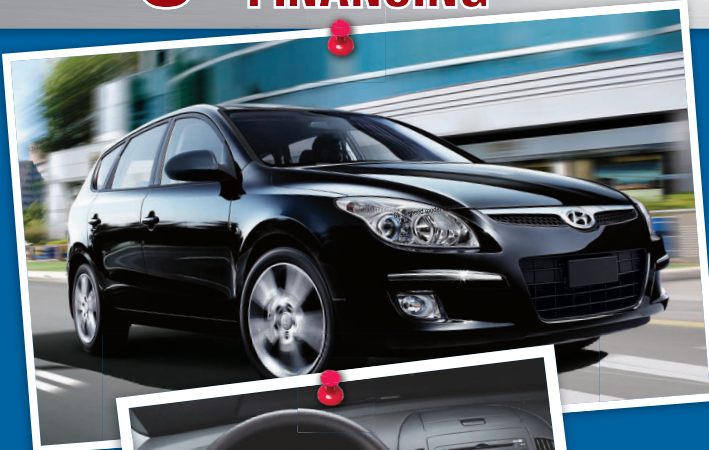
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